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## ABSTRACT

## DATA SELECTION SYSTEM AND METHOD THEREFOR

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The invention provides a system and method for sorting large data quantities of data in a database. The method is implemented on a computer based system and comprises the steps of defining a plurality of sort statements (16) by which the data is to be sorted; determining the relevance of each sort statements to each of the data

10 files in the database (20); defining a site on a display means for each of the sort statements (24); representing the data files as elements on the display means; causing the elements to move from an initial position towards the sites according to the relevance of the respective sort parameters to the respective data files and the position of the sites relative to the respective elements to provide a visual indication

15 of the records being sorted (26); selecting data files according to the movement of the respective elements (28); and, accessing data in the selected files (30).

Figure (4)

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